

Rescue Union School District
2390 Bass Lake Road, Rescue, California 95672
BOARD OF TRUSTEES
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, June 22, 2021 - 6:30 p.m. Open Session
Rescue District Office Board Room

Teleconference Site: Sheraton Gateway Los Angeles Hotel, 6101 West Century Blvd, Los Angeles, CA 90045

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, Governor Newsom issued Executive Order N-25-20, which temporarily suspends provisions of the Brown Act relating to public meetings.

The Public’s health and well-being are the top priority for the Board of Trustees of the Rescue Union School District and you are urged to take all appropriate health safety precautions. To facilitate this process, 2 options were offered to view or participate in the open session meeting: 1) Via Zoom or 2) In-person at District Office Board Room.

DISTRICT MISSION

Rescue Union School District, in partnership with families and the community, is dedicated to the success of every student by providing a challenging, comprehensive, and quality education in a safe environment in which all individuals are respected, valued, connected, and supported.

ITEM	ITEM DESCRIPTION		
CALL TO ORDER:	Board president called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.		
ROLL CALL:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✓ Nancy Brownell, President ✓ Michael Gordon, Vice President ✓ Suzanna George, Clerk Tagg Neal, Member ✓ Kim White, Member ✓ Cheryl Olson, Superintendent and Board Secretary ✓ Sean Martin, Assistant Superintendent of Business Services ✓ Dave Scroggins, Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction 		
OPEN SESSION:	Convened open session in the Board Room.		
Welcome	The Board president provided an introduction to Board meeting proceedings.		
Flag Salute	Trustee Gordon led the flag salute.		
1. Adoption of Agenda (Consideration for Action)	Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee George second to approve the agenda as presented. The motion passed 3-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee George, Gordon and Brownell <i>(Trustee Neal was not present and Trustee White arrived after the adoption of the agenda).</i>		
PUBLIC COMMENTS:	Public comments were heard from: <table border="1" style="margin-left: auto; margin-right: auto;"> <tr> <td style="padding: 5px;">Maricris Britton, Parent</td> <td style="padding: 5px;">RE: Making mask wearing optional for students in school both indoors and outdoors for the upcoming school year regardless of vaccination status.</td> </tr> </table>	Maricris Britton, Parent	RE: Making mask wearing optional for students in school both indoors and outdoors for the upcoming school year regardless of vaccination status.
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REPORTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:					
2. Project Green – Pilot Garden Program (Presentation) Superintendent	<p>The Board received information from Gina Johnston and Erin Shoemake regarding the “Project Green” non-profit organization and partnership with the El Dorado Community Foundation.</p> <p>Gina Johnston recently started a non-profit organization called “Project Green” and shared her inspiration for starting this program. Project Green has been selected to work in partnership with the El Dorado Community Foundation, which is a local non-profit organization dedicated to serving those in need through direct support of the community. This organization has donated more than 2 million in the past four years to our county.</p> <p>The purpose of Project Green is to offer a purposeful team approach to school gardens to meet social and emotional needs of students during recess and lunch time in all our local schools. For the 2021-2022 school year there will be a pilot program that will occur at Pleasant Grove Middle School. The El Dorado Community Foundation will fund all the supplies, materials, soil, plants, etc., for the pilot. The end goal will be to provide this program at all of our sites and even across our county.</p>				
STAFF RECOGNITION:					
3. Recognition (Presentation) Board President	The Board and staff honored Cheryl Olson, Dave Scroggins and Sean Martin for their contributions to the Rescue Union School District.				
GENERAL					
4. Local Control Accountability Plan (LCAP) (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Superintendent	<p>The Board considered approval of the Local Control Accountability Plan for 2021-2024.</p> <p>Trustee White moved and Trustee Gordon seconded to approve the Local Control and Accountability Plan for 2021-2022 as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee George, White, Gordon, and Brownell</p>				
5. Public Hearing – Surplus Instructional Materials (Supplement) (Hearing/Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Curriculum and Instruction	<p>In compliance with BP 3270, the District will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Hold a public hearing regarding the disposal of surplus instructional materials. The public notice has been posted for the appropriate 60-day period. <p>OPEN PUBLIC HEARING: 7:46 p.m. CLOSE PUBLIC HEARING: 7:47 p.m.</p>				

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consider action to declare items on the attached surplus list and dispose of by donation, destruction or sale <p>There were no comments. Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the disposal by donation, destruction or sale of the instructional materials listed for surplus. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee George, White, Gordon and Brownell</p>
<p>6. Board Policy Regarding Harassment of Personnel (Supplement) (Discussion and Possible Consideration for Action) Superintendent</p>	<p>The Board discussed and considered approval of additional verbiage to Board Policy – Administrative Regulation 5144.1 Suspension and Expulsion/Due Process regarding harassment by students of school personnel. This item was tabled. After discussion, it was agreed that the additional language would be helpful identifying harassment or bullying issues between students to adults. However, upon review some other areas of the regulation were outdated. The regulation will be updated to match current Education Code, changes to wording in the additional verbiage will be amended and brought back in August for consideration of approval.</p>
BUSINESS AND FACILITIES ITEMS:	These items are provided for Board information, discussion, and/or action.
<p>7. Adoption of 2021-2022 Budget (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>The 2021-2022 budget provides the District with a budget to meet the goals and needs of the District. Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the 2021-2022 budget as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee George, White, Gordon, and Brownell</p>
<p>8. Statement of Reasons for Assigned and Unassigned Reserves Above the State Recommended Minimum Level (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>The Board will consider approval of the Statement of Reasons for Assigned and Unassigned Reserves Above the State Recommended Minimum Level. Per Education Code Section 42127(a)(2)(B) school districts are required to include this statement with the presentation of the budget. Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the Statement of Reasons for Assigned and Unassigned Reserves Above the State Recommended Minimum Level. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote; Ayes: Trustee George, White, Gordon and Brownell</p>
<p>9. Certification of District Signatures (Supplement) (Consideration for Action) Assistant Superintendent of Business Services</p>	<p>Pursuant to Education Code 35143, 42632, 42633 and Board Bylaw 9100, the District must certify the signatures of members of the governing board and verify signatures of the person or persons authorized to sign notices of employment, contracts and orders drawn on the funds of the District. Trustee Gordon moved and Trustee White seconded to approve the Certification of District Signatures due to the change in administration. The motion passed 4-0.</p>

	<p>Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee George, White, Gordon and Brownell</p>
<p>CONSENT AGENDA:</p> <p>(Consideration for Action)</p>	<p>All matters listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine or sufficiently supported by prior or accompanying reference materials and information as to not require additional discussion. A motion as referenced below will enact all items.</p> <p>Item 11 was pulled for discussion</p> <p>Superintendent Olson provide clarification for approving the list of Board Policies and Administrative Regulation in order to meet the codification requirements in the new GAMUT platform. Trustee White moved and Trustee George seconded to approve the Consent Agenda as presented. The motion passed 4-0. Roll Call Vote: Ayes: Trustee George, White, Gordon and Brownell</p>
<p>10. Personnel (Supplement)</p>	<p>Rescue Union School District's long-range goal is to recruit a diverse, high quality staff whose goals and philosophies are student focused. Periodically, changes in staffing occur due to need for additional positions, resignations, or requests for leaves of absence. All positions listed are within current budget allocations.</p>
<p>A. Administrative Personnel Promotion:</p>	<p>Amy Bohren, Director of Special Programs, (1.0 FTE), District Office, effective 7/1/21</p>
<p>B. Certificated Personnel Resignation:</p>	<p>Kelli Huettenhain, Teacher, (1.0 FTE), Rescue, effective 5/28/21</p>
<p>11. Policy Revisions for GAMUT Policy <i>Plus</i> Program (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Board reviewed and considered approval of the listed policy revisions regarding deletions, updated policies reflecting key concept changes and titles for use in the new GAMUT platform.</p>
<p>12. Revised Administrative Salary Schedule (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Board considered approval of the revised salary schedule for Administrative employees.</p>
<p>13. Elementary and Secondary School Emergency Relief Fund Assurances (ESSER III) (Supplement)</p>	<p>The Board considered approval of the ESSER III Assurances.</p>
<p>14. Surplus Property (Supplement)</p>	<p>Board Policy allows staff to identify District property that is unusable, obsolete or is no longer needed to be declared surplus so that disposal and/or sale can proceed.</p>
<p>ADJOURNMENT:</p>	<p>Trustee White moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:21 p.m.</p>

Suzanna George, Clerk

Date

Nancy Brownell, President

Date

Board Approved August 10, 2021